

REMARKS

Claims 1, 11 and 18 have been canceled.

New claims 23 and 24 have been introduced.

Claims 4-8, 10, 12-17 and 19-20 were amended for proper dependency on an independent claim.

Page 3, lines 20-22 and page 17, lines 15-19 of the specification as published refer to removal of "the bulk of" the water and oil during the freeze-drying process to form the porous bodies of the invention.

Contrary to the assertion by the Examiner in the Advisory Action, a person skilled in the art generally understands the meaning of "the bulk of" to be "substantially all", i.e., greater than say 90%.

Such a meaning is clear from the specification as a whole when the *intention* of the freeze-drying process is understood, i.e., to remove all the liquid phases to leave only the water-soluble polymeric material and the water-insoluble material behind – see page 19, lines 9-13 – however in practice the skilled person knows that removal of 100% of the liquid would probably not be likely, hence use of the words "substantially all" or "the bulk of".

See page 19, lines 24-26 for a discussion of a "*continuous aqueous phase*" and "*discontinuous oil phase*".

Care has been taken not to introduce any new matter.

Please consider the Rule 132 Declaration submitted with the Amendment After Final on August 26, 2010.

CONCLUSION

If a telephone conversation would be of assistance, Applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone at the number provided.

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